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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In Reference to the Children's Television Act

Dear Secretary:

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Here are my views:

The excessive violence on TV contributes to the violence in American Society.

Previews of violent movies and TV programs are routinely shown at hours when very young children are watching TV.

TV prime time is so filled with material meant to shock and claim viewers' attention at any cost that really worthwhile programming like "Reading Rainbow" and other fine PBS programs are not sufficiently aired.

Just think what children (and adults) *could* learn from TV:

A foreign language, geography, science, mathematics

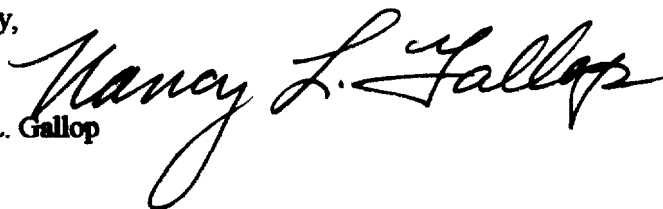
And look what children *are* learning from TV:

That the world is a violent place where life is cheap, automatic weapons are the norm and it's fun to watch a car or a building or even a person being blown to bits or go up in flames.

At your hearings please protect our children and grandchildren from the excessive violence on TV.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Gallop



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express in the strongest way possible my displeasure with children's television, especially in the mornings and afternoons. Unless one is training a band of terrorists, vigilantes, or "B" movie martial arts actors, shows like *G.I. Joes* and the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* have absolutely no educational value whatsoever. To say that used-up, re-hashed syndicated reruns of *Leave it to Beaver*, *The Brady Bunch*, and other similar shows are educating our children in anything greater than mind numbing sleepwalking is tantamount to calling catsup a vegetable. Dan Quayle is no Jack Kennedy, Catsup (or ketchup in some circles) is no vegetable, and the afternoon and morning shows that television stations are currently calling "educational" are not teaching children anything of educational value.

Please stop allowing television stations to make insincere efforts to televise "educational" programs in the form of cartoons and reruns. These television stations should be serving the public. If their permits are contingent upon providing educational programming, then that programming should really be educational. Simply providing a pithy moral at the end of a situation comedy is not educational. Furthermore, the animated violence that occurs in the newest shows like *G.I. Joes* is detrimental. Please change this policy and require stations to provide real educational programming or lose their broadcasting permits. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Truly,

Chris Madsen

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Dear FCC,

My name is Jessica Fowler. I am a 6th grader at Baker Middle School in Corpus Christi, Texas. I have been watching television at school and at home and have heard about the debate on educational cartoons. I have talked about this debate with my friends and have agreed to write this letter to express our thoughts about the debate. We believe that if all of the entertaining shows are taken off of the air waves, the youth citizens in America will not have the joy of watching shows that are not "educational" on Saturday mornings or after having to learn at school five days a week. My point is is that no older kid wants to come home and have to watch educational shows after being cooped up in a schoolroom all day long. It's not that I dislike school but when I come home after school, I like watching cartoons that have nothing to do with learning. I do believe in a good education, even though getting an education is tough along the learning ladder. Many of my friends express strong feelings about this certain debate and believe that if educational shows for little kids are shown instead of the entertaining shows we older kids like, we just won't watch television because the older kids deserve the right to watch TV without learning about things they already know. No one youth wants to learn their ABC's all over again because of nothing better to watch. This debate should not go on without hearing this debate from a youth's point of view. I personally do not believe that children of my age should have to watch educational programs because little children enjoy shows with "Big, Loveable, purple dinosaurs". It's little things like cartoons and television programs that help us understand what another person or persons are thinking. Please give some thought to a youth's point of view.

Sincerely,

Jessica Fowler

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To Whom it may concern,

Regarding FCC regulations on the educational value of cartoons - or rather whether cartoons should be considered educational. Cartoons were never meant to be considered educational, nor should they be. They are for entertainment solely. Unfortunately, their subject matter has changed, along with society, to include violence of a very different nature than at their inception.

Now cartoons are representations of battles between evil and good, complete with bloodshed. Snipers, machine guns, explosives, gorilla warfare, and destruction prevail. Macho, tough thugs rule the airways.

My concerns are many. First, I don't feel cartoons should be considered educational. There should and continues to be educational television shows. Your public television stations do fine programming here. Yes, I would like

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to see more of these types of "educational" shows on the regular networks. For example, *Carson Santiago*. Secondly, if cartoons are "censored," then I keep the entertainment aspect, humor, fun etc... and clean up the violence, the combative nature of these shows. (The power seems to be strongly linked with the large toy companies and, what's hot in kids: action figures, with cartoon creation)

Third, I find it very ironic that the FCC is scrutinizing the cartoon arena when most of the general programming on television today is not fit for children. Yet, these shows are not under fire. I'm referring to the barrage of *Cops*, *Rescue 911*, *Unsolved Mysteries*, *F.B.I.*; *The Untold Stories*. Shows that frighten, scare and educate our young people to the horrors of our wonderful society. Yes, these things (i.e. violence, kidnapping, murder) happen in our society but what I believe our youth sees is only this and at

Such great concentration - Our children are frightened - This type of programming should be questioned. As ~~its~~ its value to our youth - more so than cartoons.

I want to close by saying that I realize after 8:00 pm the programming is considered for Adult viewing. However, eight, nine, ten year olds are still up, many are still watching television, and are influenced by these very real drama's more so than cartoons. Violence in cartoons equals violence in general programming - one big ball of wax. We feel as parents that very little programming is worth viewing.

Thank you for your time,

Stanley Farrell

7535 Surrey Lane
Victor, NY 14564.

P.S. F.Y.I. my children, 10 and 12, are allowed 2 hours of television time per week total and we decide if these are appropriate shows.

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Dear Sir:

March 9, 93

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I am writing in response to an Article I saw on March 8, 1993 Entertainment Tonight on NBC. They were talking about government regulation of children's TV shows + in specific the Jetsons & Flintstones. There is apparently some question as to these shows being educational. You bet they are. Not only are they clean ~~defiant~~ + yes entertaining they teach a child + even adults about the values of family togetherness, friendships, the importance of making up when there are differences -, etc, etc. It is utterly ridiculous to even think of taking such quality children's shows off the air - They are more worth watching than Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, which in my ~~own~~ opinion promotes pure + simple stupidity! I don't believe all children's shows need to be educational. We have Sesame

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Mr. Rodgers, Barney, Carmen San Diego, 1-23
Contact, etc on PBS. There are times for
such shows + there are times for
fun shows that if you look hard enough
you will find ^{even} they teach a child ~~something~~.

What the Govt. needs to regulate
more are the shows on regular
TV (NBC, CBS, ABC, etc) in primetime that
teach teenage promiscuity, disrespect
to elders, sex is OK as long as it's safe
(disregardless of what the Bible teaches).

We watch very little TV except for
tapes at night because of the pure trash.
Full House + Home Improvement are
about the only shows we can allow our
children ages 3 + 5th watch. They are
clean, + decent whereas most of the
others could use some cleaning up.

Put your efforts into Prime Time trash
+ leave Quality shows like
Flintstones + Get Sons alone! They are
wonderful + yes educational!

Sincerely, Donita A. Corman

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Dear FCC,

I am all in favor of your agency
tightening it's standards in the type of
programs that meet the requirements of the
Children's TV Act.

The FCC should definately adopt guidelines
specifying an amount + type of educational
children's programming. If the Station's
don't comply - DON'T RENEW THEIR LICENSE.

Please take prompt action on this issue.

Sincerely,

Julia T. Young

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Commission Members,

The FCC should re-examine & toughen its rules
regarding children's programming.

I encourage you to adopt guidelines specifying
"an amount & type of children's programming" that
would permit the FCC to renew a station's license.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,
Kristen Halby

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